

# COUNCIL TO PROBE INCREASING FLY MENACE

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### All-out War Against Flies Urged by Local Housewives

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#### NICKOLAS DRALE STARS IN CITY HALL COMEDY

A modern version of William Shakespeare's farce-comedy, "Much Ado About Nothing" with Councilman Nickolas Drale in the stellar role had its premiere Tuesday evening in the Torrance City Council chambers.

Personally appearing for the performance was Haskell Tidwell, secretary and leader of the SAN PEDRO retail clerks union, who contributed a voluminous chapter to the script in the form of a signed letter to the city council protesting the awarding of a contract for the city's legal notice printing to the Torrance Herald.

Five other protests, four from SAN PEDRO and one from a COMPTON union, also were read into the dialogue by City Clerk A. H. Bartlett at the insistence of Councilman Nickolas Drale, who demanded that the out-of-town letters be made a "matter of record," although the business of awarding city contracts, obviously is strictly a TORRANCE matter.

Another of the five SAN PEDRO protests was signed by Franklin A. Thomas, a SAN PEDRO resident, who is president of the SAN PEDRO Typographical union, six of whose members quit their jobs voluntarily at the Torrance Herald last February 11 refusing to work a 35-hour four-day week for \$85 to \$94.

The other three chapters in the script were written by SAN PEDRO and COMPTON union leaders.

The SAN PEDRO Typographical Union's "act" in the farce-comedy protested the "high" rates charged the City by the Torrance Herald, although the charges for printing official notices have been increased only once in the past 23 years in spite of constantly advancing wages paid to printers and pyramiding costs in all phases of newspaper production over the past decade.

When it was necessary to conserve space due to scarcity of newsprint, the notices were set in smaller type and a corresponding adjustment in rates per inch was made.

But the "farce and comedy" of this little playlet is disclosed in the realization that the City is required by law to publish its notices in a duly adjudicated newspaper of general circulation and it so happens that the Torrance Herald is the only newspaper that can qualify.

After City Clerk Bartlett droned the last syllable in the

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#### BALM SOUGHT BY GIRL FOR TOY GUN ARREST

Margot Jeanne Bumpus, 19-year-old blonde stenographer who recently was jailed by Los Angeles police for allegedly brandishing a pistol in a sailor's face, yesterday said that the charges were all wet. It was a water pistol.

Miss Bumpus, who lives with her lawyer-father, G. M. Bumpus and family at 1001

West 190th street, this week filed a claim with the Los Angeles City Council. She wants \$500 balm for being incarcerated for two days under what she holds to be a nonexistent statute. She also wants \$19.50 in postal receipts which she claims were confiscated by police at the time of her arrest.

The precipitating incident occurred on July 4 when Miss Bumpus and a lady friend in a delicate condition were accosted by a sailor, identified as Glenn Davis of the U.S.S. George Clymer.

According to police, the blonde

stenog brandished a "pistol" in menacing fashion at the sailor, who quickly shoved off for parts unknown. However, Sailor Davis bumped into Miss Bumpus again two days after the original episode. This time he called a policeman.

Miss Bumpus was jailed amid thinly-veiled hints of her being a possible "Blonde Bandit" suspect.

She indicated yesterday that she would press suit for \$500 in damages and the return of her postal receipts.

And Brother DeLon, 9, is missing a water pistol.

#### Hospital Holds Open House to Show New Wing

Another milestone in the 24-year history of the Torrance Memorial Hospital will be reached and passed tomorrow.

For at that time, Friday afternoon and evening, the public is invited to inspect the recently completed \$50,000 23-bed wing at the local hospital.

The public is invited to inspect the new addition from 2-4 p.m. in the afternoon or from 7-8 p.m. in the evening.

With the addition of the 23 beds to the hospital which stands upon a crest at 1425 Emgracia avenue, the capacity is now 65 patients, according to Miss Elsa Hammerstrom, superintendent.

With the completion of the new wing, the second to be added since construction was started in 1924, the hospital will be in a position to help fill the desperate need of residents of the greater industrial bay area. Last month the records showed the hospital operated at absolute capacity with each of the 42 beds being occupied every day of the entire month.

This meant that some patients by necessity were turned away.

One of the reasons that has contributed to the demand for bed space is the fact that the hospital is the only institution from Santa Monica to Long Beach rated by the American College of Surgeons of the United States as being a Class A Hospital.

The hospital, founded by a grant from Jared Sidney Torrance, the founder and developer of the City of Torrance, and his heirs, is a non-profit institution. It is governed by a board of nine directors, all of whom serve without pay—some for nearly a quarter of a century.

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#### City to Get Tax Kickback

A tax "dividend" of \$24,000 of state-collected "in lieu" taxes, will be returned to the city of Torrance, according to a recent California Taxpayers Association statement.

The association reported that a change in the state law will give Torrance an estimated "dividend" of \$69,906 instead of \$45,897 for the 1949-50 tax budget.

The city will get one payment this month and another in December, under provisions of the new law signed by the governor May 13.



NEW WING AND PATIO . . . Out for a sunning in the protected new garden patio shielded by the newly constructed hospital wing, is seen Mrs. Gertrude Webster, 402 Broadway, Redondo Beach, who has been a patient for 17 weeks. Nurse Lucille Guizzetti is wheeling Mrs. Webster down the ramp. Two other patients enjoying the sun are: Mrs. Dorothy Czuleger, 546 S. Helberta ave., Redondo Beach (seated in chair), and Mrs. Lola Antzoulatos, 1918 Pacific Coast Highway, Hermosa Beach.

lying in chaise lounge. Eight new aluminum "Feather-Lite" chairs were donated to the hospital this week by the Doak Aircraft Company, manufacturers of the popular light-weight garden furniture. Below is shown a section of a five-bed ward in the new 23-bed wing. Nurse Elgen Hunter is admiring the modern new equipment. Each bed may be completely enclosed by cubicle curtains for privacy.—Photo by Lee Weinstein.

#### Hope Held For Cancellation Of Steel Strike

Both management and labor at the Torrance plant of Columbia Steel Company are preparing for the nationwide shutdown of the steel industry called for midnight on Friday this week. Plans for an orderly cessation of operations have been worked out at the local mill, it was learned by the Herald.

Despite these preparations, however, there was a note of hope unmistakably in existence, that almost amounted to an assurance that some way, somehow, either through action of President Truman or otherwise, the strike that "nobody wants" will be averted.

Operations at the Torrance plant are at top capacity with promise of continued full employment of the 1500 workers if the strike can be called off, it was learned.

#### YOUNGSTER RUNS INTO MOVING CAR

Throwing her hands before her, eight year old Eunice V. Wagner, of 1643 West 203rd street, managed to escape serious injuries when she is said to have run into the side of a car after alighting from a bus near her home late yesterday afternoon.

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#### TWO INJURED IN TWO-CAR MISHAP

A two-car collision on Western avenue, south of 190th street, at about 5 p.m. Tuesday resulted in slight injuries being suffered by two persons, according to Police records.

Treated by private physicians for cuts and bruises were Barbara Hawk, 16, of 1503 West 219th street and William Daugherty, 40, of 1748 West 168th street, Gardena.

#### No Driver's Exams During August

Drivers' license examinations will be discontinued in Torrance from August 8 through 27, A. H. Henderson, state director of motor vehicles announced.

Henderson stated that the examining schedule would be interrupted to allow the examiners to take vacations.

#### L.A. ABANDONS PEDESTRIAN SUBWAY

Approval of the abandonment of pedestrian subway construction under Normandie avenue at 253rd street was given last Thursday by the Los Angeles City Council.

In the same move, the council voted to allot the \$15,000 allocated for the construction to some other important project, and instructed the city engineer to advise the department of public works accordingly.

#### APPROPRIATION APPROVED

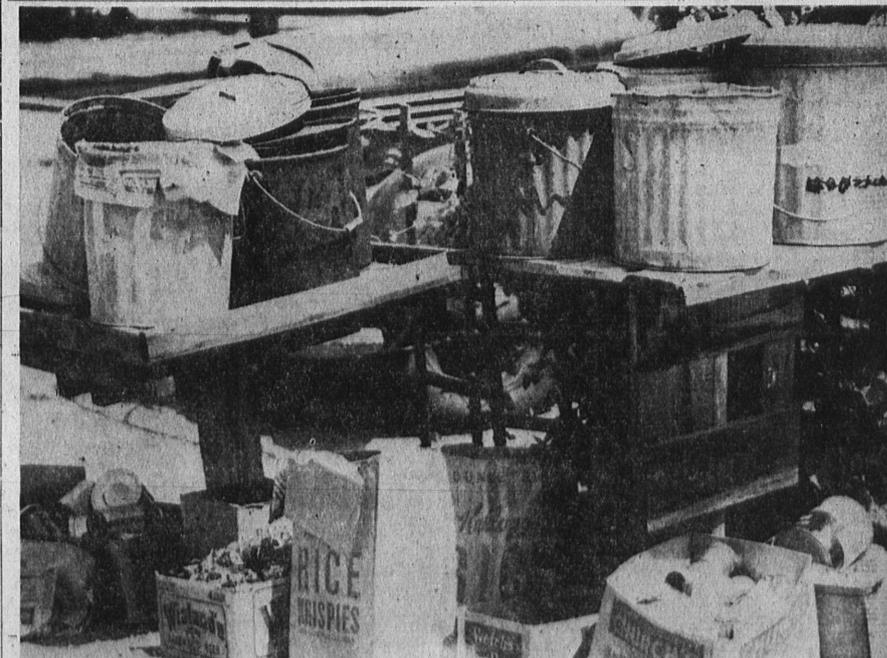
City Council Tuesday night approved a recommendation by City Manager George W. Stevens to pay the Los Angeles County Civil Service Commission \$1390 for civil service functions during the 1948-49 fiscal year.

#### PRODUCE STAND APPROVED

City Council Tuesday night endorsed a Planning Commission recommendation that the petition of Mr. and Mrs. Procopio J. Aquino for a variance and conditional permit to construct a vegetable stand at 2278 Hawthorne boulevard.



LOADED, BUT DEFINITELY . . . Nine-year-old DeLeon Bumpus draws a bead on his sister, Margot, with a toy pistol of the type which landed Margot in jail recently. Margot, 19, charges false arrest and has filed a \$500 damage suit with the Los Angeles City Council.



POLIO BIRTHPLACE? . . . Number one source of flies, a recent survey showed, was messy garbage cans and tin can boxes such as these. Photo was taken a half-mile from the center of Torrance. The Torrance city council took action Tuesday night to stamp out the rising fly menace.—Herald photo.